

USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region

Outreach Notice Modoc National Forest



Numerous Temporary NTE 1039 hrs Fire Positions CORRECTION TO OPENING AND CLOSING DATES

The Modoc National Forest will soon be filling Numerous Temporary Fire Positions for our 2015 Summer Workforce (listed in the table below), with duty locations of Adin, Alturas, Canby, Cedarville, and Tulelake, California. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of this upcoming opportunity. Please see the following information on the positions and the Modoc National Forest.

To apply for any of these positions:

- 1) Go to USAJOBS (must set up and have a USAJOBS profile) <https://www.usajobs.gov/>;
 - a. Search/locate the announcement numbers listed below;
 - b. Select Forest location(s) below that you are interested in and begin the application process.
- 2) Complete and submit your application

Fire Positions:

GS 3 Announcement General Fire Engine or Handcrew/Hotshot Crew # **15-TEMP-R5462-3-SUPPR-DT-MC**
Vacancy Opens 01/27/15 - Closes 02/02/15

GS 4 Announcement Fire Engine # **15-TEMP-R5462-4-ENG-DT-MC**
Vacancy Opens 01/27/15 - Closes 02/02/15

GS 5 Announcement Fire Engine # **15-TEMP-R5462-5-ENG-DT-MC**
Vacancy Opens 01/27/15 - Closes 02/02/15

GS 4 Announcement Handcrew/Hotshot Crew # **15-TEMP-R5462-4-HS/HC-DT-MC**
Vacancy Opens 01/27/15 - Closes 02/02/15

GS 5 Announcement Handcrew/Hotshot Crew # **15-TEMP-R5462-5-HS/HC-DT-MC**
Vacancy Opens 01/27/15 - Closes 02/02/15

These positions will be advertised under the Region 5 (California) announcements. These announcements will be found at www.usajobs.gov (See announcement numbers above)

1. ONLY on-line applications are accepted through www.usajobs.gov
2. New applicants must create a new profile within USAJOBS.
3. If you have previously applied for this position under old OCR numbers, you will need to re-apply with the new TEMP-R5 announcement numbers above.
4. If you fail to re-apply under the new TEMP-R5 announcement numbers above, your application package for this position will not be considered.

For position information applicants can contact:

Engine Positions:

Alturas	Joe Johnston	530-233-8879	jjohnston@fs.fed.us
Adin	Cory Thompson	530-667-8651	cathompson@fs.fed.us or
	Chris Christofferson	530-299-8410	cchristofferson@fs.fed.us
Cedarville	John Toomey	530-233-8874	jptoomey@fs.fed.us
Tulelake	Cory Thompson	530-667-8651	cathompson@fs.fed.us or
	Chris Christofferson	530-667-8610	cchristofferson@fs.fed.us

IHC Positions: Duty Station Canby, CA

Willie Almand	530-233-7953	waland@fs.fed.us
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ABOUT THE FOREST:

The Modoc National Forest, situated in extreme northeastern California, boasts an ecologically diverse landscape. It is a land of contrasts, with ecosystems ranging from pine and fir dominated mountains to high desert plateaus covered with sage brush and juniper. It is one of the largest national forests in California at about 1.68 million acres. Administratively it is managed from the Forest Supervisor's Office in Alturas and two zones encompassing four ranger districts with offices in Adin, Tulelake, Alturas and Cedarville. The climate also exhibits contrasts, with average high temperatures in July being 88 degrees and average lows in January in the teens. With the average annual precipitation being about 12 inches there is an abundance of days with clear blue skies. Elevations range from 9,892 feet at Eagle Peak atop the Warner Mountains to 4,000 feet in the valleys.

The Forest manages a variety of programs, including wildlife, vegetation, range, recreation, minerals, wilderness, special uses, heritage, watershed, fuels and fire suppression. Specialists working here include botanists, foresters, wildlife and fishery biologists, archaeologists, range conservationists, engineers, fire and fuels managers, business management and public relations professionals. These specialists work on a variety of challenging issues including: sage steppe restoration, wildhorse territory management, the largest rangeland management program in Region 5, managing fire across the landscape, and landscape scale restoration.

The Forest is primarily situated in beautiful Modoc County. With a population of about 10,000 the County is among the most rural in California. It borders Oregon to the north and Nevada to the east. Alturas is the County Seat and location of the Forest Supervisor's Office, and is about 3 ¼ hours (170 miles) from Reno, NV; 2 ¾ hours (145 miles) from Redding, CA; and 1 ¾ hours (98) miles from Klamath Falls, OR. All these cities offer major shopping opportunities and Reno and Redding offer airport services. There is a medical clinic in Alturas with major medical services available in Reno and Redding.

While the key to real estate is location, location, location; for many who come and stay on the Modoc the key is lifestyle, lifestyle, lifestyle. The Modoc lifestyle has much to offer, being more rural and remote. A slower pace offers a welcome relief from the "hustle and bustle" of urban life. The nights are quiet and peaceful, and with minimal light pollution the sky is full of stars. There are ample recreational opportunities, including fishing and hunting, that are uncrowded. There is strong community support and the local community is interested and involved in Forest programs. If you are looking for a place that offers a low stress lifestyle and safe community, the Modoc is for you.

Information on the Modoc National Forest and community is available on these sites:

- Modoc National Forest website: <http://fs.usda.gov/modoc/>
- Modoc Record (newspaper): <http://www.modocrecord.com/>
- Modoc National Forest Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Forest-Service-Modoc-National-Forest/624840120965582>
- Modoc schools: <http://www.modoccoe.k12.ca.us/>
- Alturas, CA information: <http://www.city-data.com/city/Alturas-California.html>
- Alturas Chamber of Commerce, 522 S. Main Street, Alturas, CA 96101. Telephone is 530-222-4433; and, FAX 530-222-4434, or visit their website at www.alturaschamber.org/

About the Communities:

Alturas

The Supervisor's office is located in Alturas, CA, which has a population of 3000, and is the county seat of Modoc County. Alturas is a full service community with a hospital, doctors, public schools, businesses, and recreational facilities. The cost of living is reasonable. Home costs range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are approximately \$300-\$500. The public school system provides instruction for grades K-12 and offers numerous extra-curricular activities. Additionally, the Lassen College Extension Office offers a variety of night courses. Alturas also has various churches representing many denominations.

Adin: Adin is a rural northeast California community of about 550 people and is located in the heart of beautiful Big Valley. Big Valley consists of four small towns Nubieber, Bieber, Lookout and Adin. Surrounded by picturesque mountain peaks, there are many captivating views of Mt. Shasta and Mount Lassen that can be seen from the area. Modoc and Lassen Counties boast a distinctively rural atmosphere that includes forested plateaus, green mountains, snow-capped peaks, and vast open agricultural valleys.

With two major state Hwy's running through it Hwy 299 and 139, it's easy to get to major cities such as Portland 475, San Francisco 307, Redding 94, Reno 160, and Klamath Falls 97.

The climate in Big Valley is characterized by four distinct seasons, with an average summer high of 93 and an average low in the winter of 28. Snowfall averaging ten inches per year is normal for the valley areas with more abundant amounts falling in the higher regions.

http://www.bigvalleychamber.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1&Itemid=1

Canby: Canby California is a small ranching community nestled in the North Eastern portion of the state. It is approximately 20 miles west of Alturas, CA and 80 miles south of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Larger populations centers include Redding, CA (80 miles), and Reno NV (250 miles).

Cedarville: Cedarville is home to 800 residents and is located 24 miles east of Alturas. The amenities include grocery stores, post office, gasoline station, restaurant, library, gift shop and other small businesses. Housing is relatively inexpensive. Home prices range from \$50,000 to \$90,000, while rentals for 2-3 bedrooms are \$400-\$700 monthly. Popular local community activities include the Fort Bidwell BBQ, Super Bull event, Surprise valley Rotary Fly-in Breakfast, Eagleville BBQ, Country Hearth Art Show & Sale, Modoc County Last Frontier Fair, Thom's Creek Ranch "Fall Gathering & Harvest Fair," and the Modoc Frontier Christmas Fair. Recreational activities include hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, rock collecting, snowmobiles, snow and water skiing, and bird watching. For more information, contact: <http://surprisevalleychamber.com/> Greater Surprise Valley Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 518, Cedarville, CA 96104-0518; 530-279-2001; FAX 530-279-2012

Tulelake: The Doublehead Ranger District Office is located in Tulelake, CA. Tulelake is a farming community with a population of 1000, which is situated at an elevation of 4,034 feet. The climate is mild with rainfall averaging 11 inches per year. The town has a post office, grocery store, which also serves as a gasoline station, hardware store, bank, automobile parts stores, a satellite Department of Motor Vehicles office, restaurant, fast food stand, a small medical clinic, and county library office. The public schools provide instruction from kindergarten through high school. Tulelake is also located six miles from Merrill, Oregon, which is a small community with amenities, while Klamath Falls, Oregon is the nearest big city 25 miles north of Tulelake, CA. In Klamath Falls there are the large shopping opportunities at Bi-Mart, Wal-Mart, Fred Meyer, malls, banks, law offices, medical centers, hospital, community and technical colleges, public schools, restaurants, art galleries, museums, marina, Movie Theater, train station, bus terminal, and other businesses.

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